

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE
REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CURRENT
FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM OR, IN
THE ALTERNATIVE, URGING THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CREATE
AND FUND A SUCCESSOR PROGRAM
THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE FLORIDA
COMMUNITIES TRUST.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for the reauthorization of the current Florida Forever program (“Florida Forever”) or, in the alternative, urge the Florida legislature to create and fund a successor program to Florida Forever that would support the objectives of the Florida Communities Trust; and

WHEREAS, Florida Forever and its predecessor, the Preservation 2000 program, have immeasurably contributed to environmental health, quality of life, recreation, and sustainability in Florida for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Florida Forever, through its partnerships with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Management Districts, and others, produces benefits that include clean air and water, healthy fisheries and wildlife habitats, improved water supply protection, and protected open spaces including greenway corridors, park lands, forests, and water bodies; and

WHEREAS, Florida Forever, through the Florida Communities Trust, has assisted Florida’s cities and counties in protecting their cultural and historical resources, meeting the challenges of growth management, directing development away from coastal high hazard areas and floodplains, fostering a healthier lifestyle for Floridians, and providing recreational outdoor experiences in both urban and rural settings; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of Florida Forever has diminished due to escalating land prices and the impacts of inflation; and

WHEREAS, research by the Florida Forever Coalition has found that over \$20 billion is currently needed to purchase parks and recreational facilities, wildlife and wilderness areas, and open space for our state’s increasing population; and

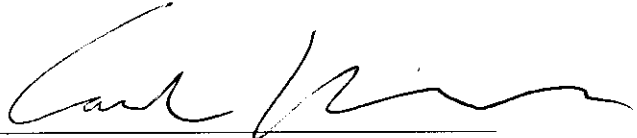
WHEREAS, the funding for Florida Forever will sunset in 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida support the reauthorization of the current Florida Forever program or, in the alternative, urge the Florida legislature to create and fund a successor program that would support the objectives of the Florida Communities Trust.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2008.



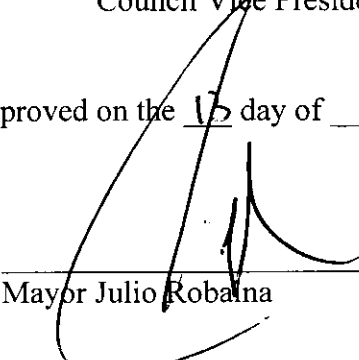
Carlos Hernandez
Council Vice President

Attest:

Approved on the 15 day of March, 2008.



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, and Yedra voting "Yes" and Council President Bovo absent.